

The Season of 1916 Has Not Brought Out Very Many New Stars in Major Leagues---Aftermath of War to Blame

SISLER LEADING NEW STAR IN MAJOR LEAGUES

Versatile Member of the Browns Destined to Wear Ty Cobb's Crown.

HORNSBY OF CARDS RANKS SECOND BEST

Youngster Already Making a Bid for National Bunting Laurels.

By SHORTSTOP.

How does the 1916 season compare with past seasons in the development of young stars? We were asked the other day. "Did the infusion of two scores Federal League players into the major league ranks retard the chances of minor league youngsters to make good?"

In many ways this has been a poor season for young players. Conditions were such at the end of last season that few clubs outside of the Yankees, with the fat bank rolls of John G. Thompson and T. H. Hunter, were in a position to sign minor leaguers.

Many Feds Were Bought.

In 1915 the Red Sox, Tigers and White Sox in the American League and the Phillies, Braves and Superbas in the National League made good on their promise to start the 1916 season with a clean slate. The Yankees, who finished eighth and seventh respectively in the National League, tried to get back in the fight with players purchased from the Federal League.

The Giants took over Ray, Ryan, Fred Anderson, Hooton and Al Schmitt and the Red Sox added Jimmie Foxx, Sam Rice, Muddy Ruel, Knickerbocker, Kinnison and George Anderson. The position of these clubs today is no better for the late summer season.

The St. Louis National League team was hit hard by the war and the club spent very little money, though one can purchase a new minor leaguer for a few dollars.

MacK Likes Youngsters.

Le Foll built up a pitching staff, but for his other position he filled in with players who had seen service with other clubs, such as Speaker, Roth, Gaudin, Howard and Daly.

Griffith tried out quite a few minor leaguers down in Washington, and only one can accuse Connie Mack of not giving the youngsters a chance to shine. With conditions prevailing as outlined, it really is surprising that as many young players of promise have come through as has been the case.

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Sisler Is the Better.

Of the two, Sisler is the better player, but Hornsby need not take that as a slight. There would be higher than Sisler. They are Speaker and Cobb. We doubt if there ever was a player in the history of baseball who can do as many things well as can Sisler. He is to-day the game's leading first baseman, with no close rivals. His fielding in the last Brown series on the Polo Grounds was nothing short of uncanny. Shortstop Lavan threw about two balls accurately in that series, but it made no difference where he threw them, high or low, yards wide or in the ground. Sisler got them all.

When Jones played Sisler in the outfield he covered as much territory as Speaker. If he were used as a pitcher, he would be a Marlin. Last year with a poor fourth place team behind him, he won four games and lost five, whenever Branch Rickey could spare him from the outfield or first base. This year he pitched only one game, but despite the fact that he had done no pitching in the last season he held Cleveland to a hand-dashing speed and a great curve. Fielder Jones said it broke his heart not to use Sisler as a pitcher, but asked: "How can you use a man as a pitcher who can do all the things George can do?"

Though left handed, the Michigan University find also fitted in nicely at third base when the injury of Johnson and the suspension of Austin left Jones hard up for infielders.

Deadly in a Pinch.

But Sisler is as good on the offense as on the defense. He has been hitting around .300 all season, and is a deadly man in the pinch. He is a flash on the bases and a great runner. Sisler is a real baseball marvel and the player who is destined to wear Cobb's crown as the greatest of them all.

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YOUNG BALL PLAYERS WHO ROSE HIGH IN THE MAJOR LEAGUE FIRMAMENT THIS SEASON.



FEW FORMER FEDS ARE IN LIMELIGHT

as the Ty Cobb of the Northwestern League. Only last year he was in the University of Oregon. He has been playing professional ball only one season, and has been hitting very hard since joining Pittsburgh. Harry Heilmann, hitting to his second engagement with the Boston Tigers, has developed into a hard hitting fly chaser, though since Sam Crawford has returned to right field the Tigers have been going much better. The Brooklyn made a wise move when they bought Jimmy Johnston from the Red Sox, though Jim never played with the club more crowd, and was not new to the league, as he had been up twice with the Cubs.

There has been a great dearth of promising looking infielders in this year's freshmen class. Outside of Sisler and Hornsby, there are none that stand out. Lawton Whit, the Goddard senior, hit with the Athletics, has played a good wood game at short for the Philadelphia all-stars, and McMillen, a collection man, has played up that big third base job. Mack's infield. McMillen has done fairly well for the White Sox at third base, though he has not come up to expectations.

Terry of the same team is a great fielding shortstop, but has the common shortstop weakness—he can't hit. Worth man, Weagham's high priced Kansas City shortstop, looked as though he might be a Marty O'Toole. Herb Hunte, the schoolboy sent by McGraw to catch in the Doyle trade, acts as though he may develop into a star.

Walters seems to be the only one doing anything big. Walter Alexander, the Yankee, who joined the Yankees team last fall, is doing good work, but he isn't a novice, having put in two seasons with the Browns. Tragger, the Braves seems to be a fair man, while Meyer of the Athletics shows promise before an operation put him out for the season.

M'DONALD BEST IN TRAFFIC "COP" MEET

"Babe" Accounts for Two Firsts and Brace of Seconds at College Point.

Patrick (Babe) McDonald, Erie, Pa.'s champion who put in his season at Forty-third street and Broadway, was the heavy point winner at the annual athletic games and meet of the Traffic Squad of New York City, which were held at College Point, L. I., yesterday. He was the mainstay of Traffic's team, which won the team honors. McDonald's of the squad was the first and second prizes.

America's three greatest weightlifters met in the 56 pound weight class at the annual meet of the Traffic Squad at College Point, L. I., yesterday. McDonald, Pat Ryan and Matt McMillen were the contestants.

Jack J. Eller of the Irish American A. C. who is a champion from the previous meet, the metropolitan champion, was the mainstay of Traffic's team, which won the team honors. McDonald's of the squad was the first and second prizes.

Running High Jump. Eddie Routh of the Brooklyn Traffic Club, 4 feet 11 inches, 1st prize. Traffic Club, 4 feet 11 inches, 1st prize. Traffic Club, 4 feet 11 inches, 1st prize.

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Clarence Mitchell a Find.

The best pitcher in the American League this season seems to be Clarence Mitchell, Cincinnati. He has been hitting around .300 all season, and is a deadly man in the pinch. He is a flash on the bases and a great runner. Mitchell is a real baseball marvel and the player who is destined to wear Cobb's crown as the greatest of them all.

Foxx's Pitching Stars.

Until he hurt his arm in the spring, George Mogridge, the tall left hander from New York, looked as though he would be the star pitcher of the season. He has been hitting around .300 all season, and is a deadly man in the pinch. He is a flash on the bases and a great runner. Mogridge is a real baseball marvel and the player who is destined to wear Cobb's crown as the greatest of them all.

Black Doing Well.

Max Flack of the Chicago Cubs, has held his form in the National League better than any of the other star pitchers. He has been hitting around .300 all season, and is a deadly man in the pinch. He is a flash on the bases and a great runner. Flack is a real baseball marvel and the player who is destined to wear Cobb's crown as the greatest of them all.

Not Hit Game for Aldrich.

Indians Aldrich, Sept. 2. The Indians of the local American League team, who recently was sold to the Chicago Nationals, pitched a game against Columbus yesterday. The locals won the game 3 to 0.